



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1399

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS EMISSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (c) of section 14-164c of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with
4 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section. Such
5 regulations shall include provision for a periodic inspection of air
6 pollution control equipment and compliance or waiver with exhaust
7 emission standards or compliance or waiver with on-board diagnostic
8 standards or other standards defined by the Commissioner of
9 Environmental Protection and approved by the Administrator of the
10 United States Environmental Protection Agency, compliance or waiver
11 with, air pollution control system integrity standards defined by the
12 Commissioner of Environmental Protection and compliance or waiver
13 with purge system standards defined by the Commissioner of
14 Environmental Protection. Such regulations shall apply to all motor
15 vehicles registered or which will be registered in this state except: (1)
16 Vehicles having a gross weight of more than ten thousand pounds
17 other than school buses; (2) vehicles powered by electricity; (3) bicycles
18 with motors attached; (4) motorcycles; (5) vehicles operating with a
19 temporary registration; (6) vehicles manufactured twenty-five or more
20 years ago; (7) new vehicles at the time of initial registration; (8)
21 vehicles registered but not designed primarily for highway use; (9)

22 farm vehicles, as defined in subsection (q) of section 14-49; (10)
23 antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles, as defined in section 14-
24 1; [(11) diesel-powered type II school buses; or (12)] or (11) a vehicle
25 operated by a licensed dealer or repairer either to or from a location of
26 the purchase or sale of such vehicle or for the purpose of obtaining an
27 official emissions or safety inspection. Not later than October 1, 2002,
28 such regulations shall exempt from the periodic inspection
29 requirement any vehicle manufactured four or less years ago, provided
30 that such exemption shall lapse upon a finding by the Administrator of
31 the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the Secretary
32 of the United States Department of Transportation that such
33 exemption causes the state to violate applicable federal environmental
34 or transportation planning requirements. Notwithstanding any
35 provisions of this subsection, the commissioner may require an initial
36 emissions inspection and compliance or waiver prior to registration of
37 a new motor vehicle. If the Commissioner of Environmental Protection
38 finds that it is necessary to inspect motor vehicles which are exempt
39 under subdivision (1) or (4) of this subsection, or motor vehicles that
40 are four or less model years of age in order to achieve compliance with
41 federal law concerning emission reduction requirements, the
42 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance
43 with the provisions of chapter 54, to require the inspection of
44 motorcycles, designated motor vehicles having a gross weight of more
45 than ten thousand pounds or motor vehicles four or less model years
46 of age.

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*